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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA - CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD LABELING (CCFL)

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FAS Bogota spoke with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Codex Chairperson and two additional members of Colombia's Codex committee in response to reftel regarding the USG position on mandatory Genetic Modification/Genetic Engineering (GM/GE) labeling. FAS Bogota also raised Colombia's participation in the May Codex Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL) meeting in Canada. The contacts responded that the Government of Colombia (GOC) had not yet formalized a position with respect to discontinuing CCFL's work on the GM labeling, nor had decided if representatives would attend the May meeting. FAS Bogota will communicate via unclass email once it receives further information regarding the GOC position and the delegation makeup.

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